

Lamoine Parks Commission Report

2006 was the first full year of the Park's Commission. While we have experienced everything a new committee might expect, as 2007 arrives we find ourselves starting to gain momentum as a result of everyone's effort.

We kept busy in 2006 with the following:

Revision of the Parks Ordinance was completed and we started assessing the short and long term needs of Lamoine Beach Park, Bloomfield Park, and Marlboro Beach.

In April, we co hosted the 1st Annual Flat Top 5k road race with the friends and family of Bill Pinkham. It was a great time and a huge success with almost 250 runners and walkers honoring Bill. Thanks to the Pinkham family some of the proceeds of the race went into the Parks Fund. This will become an annual event for Lamoine and we encourage everyone to join us this April for the 2nd annual race.

A direct mail fund raiser was conducted in which the proceeds went into the park's fund. \$650 was raised. We thank all who contributed to our parks.

Currently, we are designing the Kiosks for the parks and are holding workshops to determine the content and layout of the signs. This has been enjoyable as we are learning a lot about the history of each area. It's also reinforced how these areas have played a part in Lamoine's past and continue to play a role in our present quality of life.

At Lamoine Beach, the trash cans, picnic tables, bathroom, and signs will get a fresh paint job this spring. You will also notice the back parking area has been mowed to accommodate boats and trailers. We are proposing an upgrade to the handicap access paths which are in rough shape as well as add some handicap parking stalls. In the near future, we will address the boat ramp - the current one is unusable. We feel this will be an important project as we recognize how valuable ocean access is for Lamoine residents.

At Bloomfield Park, a few rocks will be moved back to create a larger beach area and two new picnic tables will be added. We also hope to clean up the surrounding woods as well as reestablish the two small paths along the water. Plans to improve the access road to the park are in the works.

At Marlboro Beach, nature is at work.

We believe we are fortunate as a community to have three unique and incredible areas to enjoy. Our focus and commitment will be to continually look at ways to update and maintain these areas in a manner to protect and preserve them, as well as make them more enjoyable and safe to use by the residents of Lamoine. We thank you for your support in 2006 and look forward to it in 2007 as we continue to grow as a committee.

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